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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, US, SL

SUBJECT: US ASSISTANCE TO MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED

LDC'S

1. PERMSEC GOSL MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR "FURTHER INFORMATION" ON REPORT THAT USG HAS PLEDGED \$2 BILLION TO AID POOR COUNTRIES HIT BY WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS. PERMSEC SAID REPORT ORIGINALLY HEARD ON BBC BROADCAST OF UNCERTAIN DATE (APPARENTLY IN LATTER HALF DECEMBER) AND THAT PRESIDENT STEVENS HAS EXPRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST IN FURTHER DETAILS. PERMSEC ADDED THAT BBC REPORT APPARENTLY INCLUDED REFERENCE TO USG DECISION UTILIZE BILATERAL AND ESTABLISHED MULTILATERAL CHANNELS AND NOT RPT NOT NEW UN EMERGENCY FUND.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES PERMSEC MAY BE REFERRING TO LATTER FROM AMBASSADOR SCALI TO UNSYG WALDHEIM REPORTED IN JANUARY 27 ISSUE OF WEST AFRICA MAGAZINE (PAGE 109) IN WHICH AMB SCALI REPORTED HAVE STATED HALF OF MONEY WOULD GO TO THIRTY-TWO COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED BY UN AS MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AND REMAINDER TO OTHER UNLISTED COUNTRIES WHICH USG CONSIDERS TO BE AMONG NEEDIEST. EMBASSY UNABLE LOCATE ANY PREVIOUS GUIDANCE THIS SUBJECT OTHER THAN TEXT FERGUSON STATEMENT
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DECEMBER 18) AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT SCALI
LETTER (OR REFERENCE IF PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED) AS
WELL AS ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE AVAILABLE.

3. APPARENT THAT GOSL, WHICH NOT RECIPIENT USG
BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BUT CLEARLY WOULD LIKE
TO BE, INTERESTED IN REPORTED USG PLEDGE AS POSSIBLE
SOURCE ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.
EMBASSY BELIEVES IT VERY LIKELY SUBJECT WILL BE TAKEN
UP WITH AMBASSADOR SAMUELS, POSSIBLY BY STEVENS
HIMSELF, SHORTLY AFTER AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AND REQUESTS
AMBASSADOR BE BRIEFED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE PRIOR HIS
DEPARTURE WASHINGTON WITH FULL GUIDANCE BEING SENT
EMBASSY TELEGRAPHICALLY TO BE AVAILABLE PRIOR
AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULED ARRIVAL FEBRUARY 10.
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